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Re:

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Application No. 10/670,797; Filed: September 26, 2003

Monoacylated Betulin and Dihydrobetulin Derivatives, Preparation

Thereof and Use Thereof

Inventors:

ALLAWAY et al.

Our Ref:

1900.0400001/JMC/SMW

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- Information Disclosure Statement; 1.
- 2. Form PTO-1449 (5 sheets) listing 22 documents (AA1, AB1, AL1-AP1, AR1-AT1, AL2, AR2-AT2, AR3-AT3, AR4-AT4, AR5 and AS5);
- 3. A copy of 20 cited documents (AL1-AP1, AR1-AT1, AL2, AR2-AT2, AR3-AT3, AR4-AT4, AR5 and AS5); and
- 4. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of Documents AA1 and AB1 is not provided in accordance with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office pre-OG notice of July 11, 2003, which states "[t]he Office hereby waives the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003." A copy of all other documents is provided.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document, Document AS4, cited on Form PTO-1449:

Document AS4, Pokrovskii, A.G., et al., "Synthesis of Derivatives of Plant Triterpenes and Study of Their Antiviral and Immunostimulating Activity," Khimiya v Interesakh Ustoichivogo Razvitiya 9:485-491 (2001), is in the Russian language. The

relevance of Document AS4 can be ascertained by reference to an unverified English language abstract attached as Document AS5.

After a diligent effort, the month of publication could not be determined for Document AS4. For all other documents, where the publication date of a listed document does not provide a month of publication, the year of publication of the listed document is sufficiently earlier than the effective U.S. filing date and any foreign priority date so that the month of publication is not in issue. Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made, or that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO 1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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